

WITH THE THEATRICAL FOLKS



Youth's Ambition.

During last season's road tour of "The Little Princess" Millie James became greatly interested in one of the players in her support. He was a young fellow engaged to impersonate one of the Lascar servants. He was good looking, earnest and reliable, but most mysterious in his habits.

His principal assistance to the company was in making the transformation scene in the second act. He had no lines to speak, but it is so important that the scene should be changed quickly and properly that application was made by the managers to a dramatic school for a young man who would be reliable as the Lascar, and who could understudy some of the other parts.

He was never seen in the daytime except when the company was traveling. At night, except for the few minutes he was on the stage, he stayed in his dressing room reading. All efforts to make him sociable were rebuffed until Miss James got his confidence. She found that he had made up his mind to be a physician and was studying to that end. In the daylight hours he makes cigars in his rooms, which he disposed of for a

first appearance as a member of Merry's company was in a small sourette role in "Kathleen Mavourneen." The title role was played by Miss Nellie Lizard, grandniece of the historian and essayist. Miss Cahill and Miss Lizard became fast friends then, and the latter is now a play reader for Daniel V. Arthur. Miss Cahill's manager.

Charles Hoyt's "A Tin Soldier" was the first musical play in which Miss Cahill took a part. She played the role of Patsy. In this piece her work consisted mostly of dancing. She gradually climbed to pre-eminence, and to-day is the foremost woman exponent of the broad yet thoroughly legitimate school of low comedy founded by Miss May Irwin. Miss Cahill is, artistically speaking, own sister to N. C. Goodwin, their methods often being startlingly similar.

French Tutor's Odd "Ad."

Clyde Fitch, the playwright, collects in scrapbooks specimens of the errors foreigners make in dealing with strange tongues. One of Mr. Fitch's scrapbooks is devoted to French-English—the sort of English that Frenchmen sometimes use. An addition was made to this volume the other day. It was a French tutor's advertisement clipped from a London newspaper, and it ran:

"A young Paris man shall desire to show his tongue to classes of English gentlemen. Address, etc."

Greenroom Gossip.

Mr. H. V. Esmond is said to be engaged upon a five-act tragedy.

Augustus Thomas is writing a new play, and Frank Worthing is to create the principal part.

"Grandma" is said to be the title of the play chosen for Mrs. G. H. Gilbert's farewell tour next season.

Madame Patti will clear nearly half a million dollars on her tour—enough to keep her to an evergreen old age.

Nora Dunblane has won praise from the press in the large cities for her

WHAT HE HAD ON FILE.

Popular "Periodicals" of a South Carolina Speak Easy.

Representative Alken was for eighteen years an official court stenographer in South Carolina.

"Some time after the Dispensary law went into effect there," said the member from the Palmetto state the other day, "I was reporting a case where the parties on trial were charged with maintaining a 'speak easy.' It was in the little town of Vahlala, where a large proportion of the residents are Germans. The Dispensary law had, of course, closed the saloons and the Germans to get their beer regularly had organized so-called 'social and literary' clubs, which were no more or less than drinking joints. There were half a dozen or more such clubs in this little burg, and finally the prosecuting attorney got after them and had the managers arrested. The man on trial was endeavoring to prove that his organization complied with the law in that it was social and literary. To prove his case he placed an old German upon the stand. In the course of the cross-examination the prosecutor asked:

"Mr. Hantmann, what periodicals did you keep on file at the club rooms?"

"The old fellow scratched his head for a moment and then, with every evidence of his desire to be honest and truthful manifest, replied, 'Oh, I s'pose ye hat mooch, mostly peer und corn viskey.'"

Hydrophobia a Real Disease.

Despite the fact that denials have been made by various physicians of the existence of hydrophobia, several prominent members of the medical profession, at a meeting of the County Medical Society of the College of Physicians, declared that the disease has a "pathological entity," and should be so recognized. Dr. G. Morton Ilman presented a paper entitled "A Report of a Case of Hydrophobia, with Autopsy." Dr. Ilman described the symptoms as exhibited in the case, and maintained that hydrophobia exists as a separate disease, with peculiar symptoms, and he asserted that it is a grave error to call it excessive hysteria, as has frequently been done. Dr. M. P. Ravenel of the Veterinary department of the university said, in discussing the subject: "I have personally experimented on 150 cases of animals which I inoculated with the germs of rabies, and I found that the brain in each case showed the same symptoms, and these symptoms have been found in no other diseases."—Philadelphia Inquirer.

The Lost Galleon.

Her decks are drowned in sea-wreck, her guns are sunk in sand, where she lies in the still water, hard by the Irish strand. There are dead in her gilded cabins, there are white bones in her hold, Dead in her coffers rotting plank from plank, brimming o'er with gold.

Broad o'er the beam they built her, that they might load her deep, They sowed a goodly harvest for the fierce salt seas to reap, They freighted her with merchandise, with gold they weighted her well, Ere they steered slowly to her bourne their castled citadel.

God rest their souls where they lie low, where she swirled down of yore, With chanting priest and shrieking slave, a stone's throw from the shore! Nor all their piled-up ingots, nor all their gold could save— Under the cliff together, the Don and the chained slave.

Far o'er the gray-green waters goes sound of gull and gale; While caps are on the breakers and the sun on a patch of sail; But she lies lost and moldered, with her captains swart and bold, Dead in her gilded cabins, and weighted down with gold. —C. Fox Smith in The London Outlook.

Gordon a Stranger to Fear.

Of Gen. Gordon, who died at Khartoum, Lord Wolseley says: "A deeply religious man in whom danger apparently excited neither pleasure nor repugnance, he seemed only to distinguish between a safe position or an extremely perilous one as he would notice any slight change in the weather of a fine sunny day. He knew how infectious courage was and how much any exhibition of contempt for personal danger braced the nerves and steadied the heads of those less gifted with masculine daring than he was. He was a man in a hundred. During a lull in our siege operations one sailor was overheard saying to another in the battery: 'I haven't seen old Gordon here lately.' 'No,' answered his shipmate, 'the fire ain't hot enough for that old beggar just now.'"

"Clefmania."

"Clefmania," modern "T. A. T." is a comparatively modern form of the collecting craze. It consists in an irresistible ambition to gather together keys of all sorts, sizes and shapes. One victim to the habit, a woman, openly confessed recently to having traveled over one hundred thousand miles in pursuit of her hobby, during which time she had expended, entirely on keys, quite a respectable fortune. Her collection comprises the key of the Nuremberg Iron Furnace, one said to have belonged to Cleopatra's jewel case, a huge iron specimen from the Tower of London, got by bribing a "beefsteak," the one that used to unlock Anne Hathaway's cottage at Stratford-on-Avon, and many others equally curious and interesting.

'Tis But a Little Faded Flower.

'Tis but a little faded flower, But O, how fondly dear! 'Twill bring me back one golden hour, Through many a weary year, I may not to the world impart The secret of its power, But treasured in my inmost heart, I keep my faded flower.

Where is the heart that doth not keep Within its inmost core, Some fond remembrance hidden deep, Of days that are no more? Who hath not saved some trifling thing, A faded flower, a broken ring, A tress of golden hair?

THE OLDEST MAN IN AMERICA

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Mr. Brock's Age is 115 Years



MR. ISAAC BROCK, BORN IN BUNCOMBE CO., N. C., MARCH 1, 1788. His age is 115 years, vouched for by authentic record. He says: "I attribute my extreme age to the use of Peruna."

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ISAAC BROCK, a citizen of McLennan county, Texas, has lived for 115 years. For many years he resided at Rosque Falls, eighteen miles west of Waco, but now lives with his son-in-law at Valley Mills, Texas.

A short time ago, by request, Uncle Isaac came to Waco, and sat for his picture. In his hand he held a stick cut from the grave of General Andrew Jackson, which has been carried by him ever since. Mr. Brock is a dignified old gentleman, showing few signs of decrepitude. His family Bible is still preserved, and it shows that the date of his birth was written 115 years ago.

Surely a few words from this remarkable old gentleman, who has had 115 years of experience to draw from, would be interesting as well as profitable. A lengthy biographical sketch is given of this remarkable old man in the Waco Times-Herald, December 4, 1903. A still more pretentious biography of this oldest living man, illustrated with a double column portrait, was given the readers of the Dallas Morning News, dated December 11, 1903, and also the Chicago Times-Herald of same date.

This centenarian is an ardent friend of Peruna, having used it many years.

In speaking of his good health and extreme old age Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world as long as I have, he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so."

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the proper thing for ailments that are due directly to the effects of the climate. For 115 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States."

"I have always been a very healthy man, but of course subject to the little ailments which are due to sudden changes in the climate and temperature. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds and diarrhoea."

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only, reliable remedy for these ailments. It has been my standby for many years, and I attribute my good health and extreme old age to this remedy."

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"When epidemics of la grippe first began to make their appearance in this country I was a sufferer from this disease."

"I had several long sieges with the grip. At first I did not know that Peruna was a remedy for this disease. When I heard that la grippe was epidemic catarrh, I tried Peruna for la grippe and found it to be just the thing."

In a later letter dated January 31, 1903, Mr. Brock writes:

"I am well and feeling as well as I have for years. The only thing that bothers me is my sight. If I could see better I could walk all over the farm and it would do me good. I would not be without Peruna."

Yours truly,

Isaac Brock,

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Decorating Berlin Schools. The committee of the Berlin town council in charge of the primary schools have taken a novel decision with regard to school decoration. The proposal is to spend 10,000 marks every year for eight years, with the object of painting frescoes on the walls of classrooms and corridors. These pictures will be simple in character and will represent for the most part scenes in German history. Before, however, the plan can be carried out, experiments will be made in three selected schools.

Monument to Bret Harte.

To mark the resting place of the late Bret Harte, in Frimley churchyard, Surrey, there has just been erected a massive and costly monument. The author of the "Heathen Chinee" and "Luck of Roaring Camp" had resided at Frimley for some time prior to his death, which took place early in May of last year. Around the grave have been planted a number of young fir trees. The monument consists of a massive slab of white granite, weighing two and a half tons, on which is placed a block of Aberdeen granite, sloping upward into the form of a cross.

A Physician's Statement.

Yorktown, Ark., Jan. 11.—Leland Williamson, M. D., one of our cleverest physicians, has made a statement, endorsing Dodd's Kidney Pills and saying that he uses them in his daily practice in preference to any other kidney medicine. His statement has created a profound sensation, as it is somewhat unusual for a physician to publicly endorse anything in the shape of a patent medicine. Dr. Williamson says:

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fund which he hopes will enable him to enter Yale Medical college next fall.

Cause of the Trouble.

We are indebted to the press bureau of the Savage forces for this suggestion of cause for the recent international complications. Possibly one of Henry W.'s young men is responsible for the Panama-Colombian-Tail-Type press imbroglio. Runs the snail:

It is surely more than a mere coincidence—more than what has been called "Savage luck"—that just as the new Blossom-Robyn comic opera, "The Yankee Consul," has been launched with marked success the government should send a fleet of warships to Puerto Plata in Santo Domingo, where the scenes of the opera are located. Puerta Plata hadn't been heard of in years until "The Yankee Consul" was produced by Henry W. Savage. But here is where the startling coincidence comes in. It was no sooner announced that George Ade and Gustav Luders had about completed "The Sho-Gun," a comic opera with scenes located in Corea, for Mr. Savage than Russia and Japan rushed their finest warships to Corea and began to wrangle for its possession.

Career of Miss Marie Cahill.

Miss Marie Cahill, the saving grace of "Nancy Brown," was born in Brooklyn, N. Y. Shortly after her baby carriage days she went on the stage in a little Brooklyn theater where Harley Merry, a scenic artist, was conducting a stock company. Her

performances as Ruth in "The Worst Woman in London."

Edmond Rostand has almost completed a play for Coquelin which is promised at the Gaiety in Paris about Feb. 1. Title and nature of play are secrets.

William Owen has fully recovered from his recent illness and has rejoined his company. During his absence his understudy, Harry L. Hays, has been filling his place.

Mary Anderson (Mrs. de Navarro) appeared in London Dec. 30, and gave an entertainment for the 4,000 children of the Whitechapel district. Miss Anderson sang.

Viola Allen is delighted with the new play that Marion Crawford has about finished for her. It is, Mr. Crawford says, a play of modern times. The heroine is a Glory Quail part.

William Collier and Messrs. Weber & Fields have parted company. The comedian has not been the success that his managers expected he would be, owing, mainly, to dramatic vehicles not adapted to his peculiar style.

Mr. Forbes Robertson will, on his return from America, produce a new play by Miss Margaret Young, entitled "The Edge of the Storm." Miss Young is one of the writers for the stage who have had some practical experience of acting.

Jean Sibelius, the most noted among the composers of Finland, is about to finish a violin concerto, which he intends to dedicate to Willy Burmester, who will, of course, be the first to play the novelty in Scandinavia, as well as all over Germany in the course of the present season.